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TRESSILIAN COURT

THE BARONET'S SON

By MRS. HARRIET LEWIS, Author of "The Double Life, "The Bailiff's Scheme," "The Sundered Hearts," Lady of Kildare," "A Life at Stake,"
"The House of Secrets," etc., etc.

CHAPTER I.

A FATEFUL CATASTROPHE. A wild storm was raging upon the Mediterranean Sea, near the close of a dreary Novem ber day, and sky and waters were black with the gloom of the sudden and furious tempest before which a small sailing vessel was scudding under bare poles. Her build and ringing preclaimed her Sardinian. She was The Gull, Captain Varino master, on her way from Cagliari to Palermo.

While the Captain and his assistants were attending to their duties, and expressing apprehensions as to their safety, the two Englishmen stood apart, leaning against the low bulwarks, and surveying the wild scene around

One, the more striking of the two, was aristocratic in his bearing, tall, slender and handsome, with a frank, smiling mouth, a pair of fearless blue eyes, set under a wide and

He was Guy Tressilian, the only son and heir of Sir Arthur Tressilian, Baroner, of

young Tressilian. Young as he was, he had seen much of the dark side of life, and his experience had been such as to develop in him some of the worst qualities of his nature.

The meeting and connection of the two had a touch of romance. Young Tressilian had spent four years in a German university, whence he had been graduated with honor .-On leaving the university, in obedience to his father's written command, he had under taken a tour of the countries inclosing the Mediterranean Sea, in company with one of his late tutors. This gentleman being unexpectedly promoted to a professorship, abandoned Tres-

On the evening of the very day after this assaulted by a trio of his own countrymer, all more or less intoxicated. It was apparent that wreak vengence upon him. Without allowing him to speak, they forced him to defend himseif. Guy was getting the worst of the conflict my father always put her off, saying that he when a stranger came running to his assistance and in a few moments the two had put the

indicated a similarity of tastes and natures, he lear. We must be well on towards the Cape engaged Lowder as his travelling companion, and the past year they had spent together more like brothers than like employer and

Lowder, clinging with both hands to the bulwarks. "Do you think the craft will stand it,

turnish. And to morrow, at noon," he added, after my mother's death, he told me that his "we shall embark for Marseilles in a Messa-

geries steamer." "And from Marseilles you will proceed to England and to Tressilian Court," said Low-der, with some bitterness. "And I-what is to become of me? I have had a year of un old grandmother. Her sons were dead; she alloyed happiness, and now comes back the had giving up keeping lodgers, and was grown drudgery, the hopeless toil, the anxieties of miserly. He promised her five hundred the wretched old life. You picked me up at pounds a year to keep me, and to keep also Baden, a poor adventurer seeking to gain a the secret of my paternity, solemnly promisliving by teaching English, and the same ing to acknowledge me some day as his son and destiny is open to me now."

Tressilian turned his handsome face upon

reproach. yesterday, causes me to return home without

Lowder's face.

A sudden lurch of the little vessel, a wave sweeping over the deck, interrupted the sen-

blue eyes kindling, when the vessel had righted. | ed from my own observation, or from chance | gaze.

him, Jasper, as I do, when you know him." "He doesn't seem very affectionate, "re marked Lowder. "You have been away from your home for five years, and he has but just recalled you!

Young Tressilian's cheeks flushed, as Lowder up the tempestuous scene.

"You know, or can guess, the reason. Jas is increasing!"

have exchanged letters?"

me marry Blanche. He did not wish us to ceeded him. It is all a mystery, but the prom grow up together, lest we should learn to re | inent truth is that I am an outcast, poor, dis gard each other as brother and sister. When owned and friendless." Blanche came to live at the Court my father sent me to Germany. The night before I left ing over his face violently. home, he called me into his library and told me all his hopes and plans for my future, and en treated me to continue worthy of his innocent ward, and to keep my heart pure for her. I called me after five years of absence. I know piness.' the wish that lies nearest his heart. He wants | He go from the proposed marriage. I dread going der's lowering face. home. And I dread offending my dear father, whom I love better than any woman. It is plans of a kind and generous father, whose very | maddened rage. love for me causes him to urge on this marriage!'

"Is it?" said Lowder dryly, and with a strange smile full of sneering bitterness. "My experience bes been widely different from yours, Tressilian. Did I ever tell you of my father?'

"No. I took it for granted that he is dead." "Perhaps he is. I don't know" said Low der, with a reckless laugh. "But if he is living, he is a scoundrel. Don't start, Tressilian, at my unfilial speech. Wait till you hear my story. I am in a desperate mood to night .-These men were both young, apparently of . This storm stirs up all the bad within me. As the same age, about three and twenty, but nearly as I can discover, my father was the evidently they were not of the same station in younger son of a proud old country family-"
life. "You do not know, then?" asked Tressilian,

pressing his companion's hard. "I have no proofs of it. All I positively know it this. My mother was of humble station, pretty, with blue eyes and an apple blos massive forehead, and tawny hair blowing back som face, and tender appealing ways. She was the daughter of a widow, residing in Brighton. The widow, my grandmother, kept a young fellow, came to lodge with her. As prayer, and then Jasper Lowder felt his senmight have been expected, he fell in love with ses slip from him, and breame ucconscious.

his landlady's daughter. He offered the young His companion presented a remarkable re- girl marriage, on condition that the union semblance to him, being also tall and slender should be kept secret until his affairs brightenand fair with tawny hair and mustache but be ed and he chose to divulge it. The young girl had not the frank smile, the bright, fearless loved him. Her mother was ambitious and its fury, and now mouned along the coast with look, or the joyous spirit that characterized pencious. The result was the lover had his a desolate despairing wail. The waves beat way, and married the daughter of his landlade low Lowder struggled to his elbow.

quietly, almost see hear and observe lody "Wrecked!" he muttered. "I am cast bride to London, to cheap and obscure lodg ings, where, a year later, I was born.' The wind for a moment drowned his voice.

> and with passionate bitterness. "For years my mother and I lived in those stuffy, obscure lodgings until her bloom had pervous. My father visited us at stated seasons, once or twice a week, but he never brought any of his family to call upon us. I whom he was secretly ashamed. I have good recognized it as the body of a man. reason to believe that he had fine lodgings at He crept toward it, and the waters dashthe West Ead. where he was supposed to be a cd the body on the shore at his feet. He

> bachelor, and that he went into fashionable put his hands on the face. How cold and society, while my poor mother and I lived ob | wet it was! It felt like the face of a dead scurely. He was a profligate and a roue, but man! Lowder's fingers came in contact with boyish admiration, and aroused my mother's that the body was that of Guy Tressilian. pleading to be introduced to his relatives, and to have her son publicly acknowledged. But was not yet ready. Worn out and despairing, my mother died when I was ten years old.

vessel lurched, the sea sweeping her deck. The captain screamed his orders to his men.

"A nasty bit of weather!" said Lowder .-"And a bad sky!" "Yes, but I've seen as bad," returned Tres

silian. "We shall make port all right, never di Gallo. And it's only seven miles from the Cape to Palermo.' "But the seven miles in this storm are worse

than seventy in good weather. These coasts are dangerous, Tressilian.' Lowder shuddered as he surveyed sea and

"But about your father, Jasper?" said Tres

brother was dead. A mouth later, his father was killed by being thrown from his borse. My father came into riches and honors by heir. The old woman agreed to carry out his wishes. She would have done anything for his companion in surprise and affectionate money. I never saw my father again. I went to school, grew up, and at the age of twenty-"Jasper!" he exclaimed. "You talk one came into my grandmother's money, the fruits of years of saving, she dying at that his bands stole into the breast pocket of Tres friend and brother so long, and loved you so time. My father had deliberately abandon silian and drew out his private note book, a well, to lose you new? I meant to have writ | ed me. I did not know where to seek him, ten to my father concerning you and your it I had wished to. I took my money and came abroad. I had been two years on the possession seemed to give him courage, and Continent, and had spent my little fortune when I met you. The rest you know."

your father abandon you?" "That he might be freed of encumbrance to make a grand marriage. From what my a few receipts and trifles from his own pockets the position to which your talents enti- grandmother said at different times, I conclude and nut them in the pockets of Tressilian. tles you. You have no ties to keep you that my father was in love with a titled lady before my mother's death. No doubt he mar | ing with wild defiant eyes through the darkried this lady. It he lives, this lady's son may ness. "No one is harmed. He is dead. It be his acknowledged heir. My father has ut- he had lived, he would have provided for me. terly discussed the son of his first hasty, ill. As he is dying or dead, I must provide for "And you will go home with me?"
"What will your father say to my coming?"
demanded Lowder. "He will think your genderal demanded Lowder. "How will demanded Lowder. "How will think your genderal demanded Lowder." crossity Quixotic. He will dismiss from his no chance of ever receiving justice at his gives me a chance to gain name and wealth at roe's Creek. One half a mile of fencing will

> "What is your father's name, Jasper?" asked Tre-silian. Lowder's face darkened. He tichis lip sav searching clances in an inland direction. A

"He is the noblest man in the world. He will words of my parents and grandmother. My welcome my friends as his own. You will love mother's maiden name was Jeanette Lowder. At our London lodgings, my father bore the name of Lowder. I don't know his real name. but I should know his face anywhere, although I have not seen him in thirteen years. Mo mother was actually married, Tressilian, but I never heard my lather's name. The clergysaw in the lurid glow that momentarily lighted man who married my mother was dead; the witnesses also. When my grandmother was dying she tried to tell me the story. She had put it off too long. All that I could underper," he said, with something of an effort. - put it off too long. All that I could under"My father has a ward; the daughter of an o'd stand of her mumbling was the name of Deverfriend. Ab! hear that wind shriek! The gale | eux. I shall never forget that name-'DEVER EUX!, Probably that was my lather's name-"Yes," assented Lowder. "And the ward is my own rightful name. But as I should nev-Miss lrby-the golden haired Blanche of whom | er find bim if I sought bim, and as he you have talked so much, and with whom you would repuse me if I did find him, I stand no chance of inheriting his property. He may be "Yes. My father formed a project to have dead. He may have other sons who have suc-

He leaned over the bulwark, the spray dash-

Tressilian's heart warmed to him. "My poor friend!" he said. "Must I say again you are not friendless while I live. My father has influence enough to obtain for you a have done so, Jasper. I have never yet loved government appointment. This tangle may any woman. And yesterday I received my straighten itself out some day. But if it don't father's summons to come home. He has re- you are resolute enough to make your own hap-

He grasped Lawder's hand, and looked with me to return and marry Blanche. I shrink warm bright eyes, full of sympathy, into Low-

There had been a temporary lull in the storm. But as the two stood there, the temphard, Jasper, to revolt against the hopes and set revived and swept over the wild sea in number dated January 7th, which can be

> There was no time for talking now. The wind rose so high that words would scarcely have been distinguished. The storm that had gone before had been but play to this awful outburst. The vessel drove on, creaking and groaning, a mere cockle shell on the billows.

"Mother of Mercies!" wailed the captain. "It's all up with us, signores. I can't make best. Its moral tone is the purest, and its out the Cape in this darkness. We shall go circulation the largest. Everybody who on the rocks. St. Anthony save us!' The seamen cchoed his cries.

The two young Englishmen, comprehending their peril, clasped bands in silence. For the next lew minutes it scemed that Pandemonium reigned.

Then a noise like the report of a cannon suddealy boomed through the storm and the darkness. The little vessel shivered, staggered, and carcened upon her side. She had struck upon a rock.

A moment later crew and passengers were struggling in the waters. A few moments of baffetings and tossings,

lodging-house, and my father, a gay, dashing of vain struggles and agonized, involuntary When he came to himself, he was lying upon a rocky beach of the Sicilian shore, sore,

uised, and weak as a child. He opened his eyes. The wind had spent

ashore, while the others are drowned! Oh, this is terrible! I have lost my best friend to-As it presently lulled, he resumed recklessly, night!

He mouned and wrung his hands. "He is dead, who would have done so much for me, and I so worthless am saved! All my faded, and she had grown thin and wan and hopes of an easy and luxurious life must be resigned now!" At that moment he belield a dark object at

a little distance in the water. The waves hurldoubt if his aristocratic relatives even suspected | ed this object against the projecting head of a the existence of the faded wife and son of sunken rock. At the same instant Lowder

he had an air of fashion that awakened my the soft, silken mustache, and he knew Of the five who had stood on the sloop's deck a half bour earlier, these two alone were left. The captain and his crew had found

their deaths among the cruel, yawning waters. Lowder thrust his hand under the waistcoat of his friend, but he could not perceive the Again the wind shrieked past, again the little | beating of his heart. Despair took possession of him.

"Dead!" he said shrilly. "Dead! And he would have done so much for me if he had lived! And his father and the young girl he was to have married will wait in vain for his coming! His place at Tressilian Court is empty. Who can fill it ?"

It seemed to him that some demon at his side echoed the question: Who could fill the place left vacant by noble Guy Tressilian?

A thought came to him-a thought so strange and sinister that he shivered involuntarily. Again he felt of Tressilian's heart. It gave no throb against his hand. He passed tion of Reports, Treaties, &c., of the Congress his hand over Tressilian's head and discovered of the U.S. EDMUND BURKE, his hand over Tressilian's head and discovered of the U. S. a gaping wound in the skull. The hair was

clotted with blood. Putting his hand in his breast pocket, Lowder drew out his little water proof match-safe. He opened it with trembling fingers and struck s light. The red flicker danced on young Tressilian's face.

How ghastly and terrible it looked! The eyes were closed, the smile was gone. The seal of death seemed set on the noble features. Lowder examined the wound. It had been made by contact with the shary rock, and even Lowder perceived its terrible character.

"If he is not dead, he soon will be, muttered. "His brain has received an awful injury. He will never know who he is again. He won't live till morning, and he is perhaps dead already. He must be dead!'

Again it seemed to him as though some demon cchoed his words. The match dropped from his fingers into the

water. For a little while he crouched on be wet stones in silence, battling it may be with the better and nobier instinct of his nature. At last, with sudden and abrupt stealthiness,

packet of letters, a few trinkets. He secured these among his own wet garments. Their his face hardened, and he knelt beside the body of his friend and rifled his garments of "An odd, romantic story! But why did all that they contained, bestowing his plunder on his own person.

Then he took his own purse, his note book, "It is done !" he whispered to himselt, look

one lucky stroke !"

As if to give himself no chance for repentance, he arose to his feet and turned his gely.

"What I have told you about myself I learn. faintly through the thick haze, caught his BUTTER and EGGs for sale by

Raising his voice, he called loudly :

"Help! Ho, there! help!" The wind had abaven, and his coles rang out through the night with starting distinctness. The light he had seen moved and disappeared. A miaute later, asswering eries reached Lowder's ears, and he heard basty steps, and saw the approaching light of a lantero, borne aloft by a man's upraised arm.

"This way!" shouted L water. "We are wrecked on the rocks! For the love of Heaven. hasten !"

The bearer of the lantern, attended by a male companion, came running to him, and was soon at his side. The lantern bearer was a rough Sicilian fisherman, a grade above his elass. His companion was also Sicilian, but evidently of somewhat higher degree. Both were all excitement, astonishment and sympa-

In as few words as possible Lawder told the story of the shipwreck, and called attention to

the condition of his noble young employer.
"I think he is dead!" he said, in a choking voice. Carry him up to your catin. Let everything be done that can be done to save him. I will pay you well for any kindness to him. Poor fellow! He was my travelling 1st day of January, 1871. Apply to R. H. MILLER. companion. I loved him as if he had been my brother instead of only my hired attendant

Poor Jasper !" The two Sicilians lifted the helpless form of poor young Tressilian, and carried it between them toward their cottage. Jasper Lowder tollowed them, bewaiting his loss .-The above we publish as a specimen chapter but the continuation of this stroy will be found only in the N. Y. Ledger. Ask for the had at any news office or book store. If you are not within reach of a news office, you can have the Ledger mailed to you for one year by sending three dollars to Robert Bonner, publisher, 180 William street, New York. The Ledger pays more for original contributions than any other periodical in the world. It will publish none but the very, very takes it is happier for having it.

AUCTION SALES.

By Beck, Knox & Kerby, [Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.] U ALTXANDRIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA -By authority of a decree of the Circuit Court By authority of a decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Alexandria rendered at the November term, 1870, of said Court, in the suit of George A. Birch and wife vs. Robert Harrison, and wife, et als., the undersigned, commissioners of sale, will sell, by public auction, in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., on SATURDAY, the 21st day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock m., a TRACT OF LAND, in Alexandria county, Va., containing TWENTY ACRES, situated about one mile from Hall's Cross, Royds, and these miles ame being that tract of land of which Thomas

Birch died seized. Terms: One-fourth of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the residue in three figural room the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser. with approved security, and the retention of the title to the land until the same are paid. LAW. B TAYLOR.

ABBERT STUART. Comm'rs. of Sale. dec 23-eots TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.—By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Richard N. Johnson, on the 5th of April, 1858, and for the purposes therein declare, the undersigned will, on MONDAY, the 6th day of February, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale the TRACTS OF LAND sold and conveyed by Robert C. Weir to Richard N. Johnson, containing 405 acres, 1 rood and 32 poles. This land is beautifully situsted on the O , A. & M. R. R., between Man-

assas and Bristoe-22 miles from the former place. It is naturally a fine soil, and much of

the place is now in good condition for farming.

The improvements are ordinary. Persons de-

siring to purchase are invited to examine the premises before the sale.

Terms: By the deed of trust a cash sale is required, but arrangements will be made by the parties in interest to make the terms liberal. The title is believed to be unquestionable but only such as is vested in me by said deed of

trust will be conveyed. EPPA HUNTON, Trustee. Prince William county, dec 21-eots

NOTICE OF SALE. -By virtue of the authority vest d in me as Administrator, I shall proced to sell, on the 22d DAY OF DE-CEMBER, 1870, at No. 11 S. Royal st., Alexant dria, Va., at 12 m., by public auction, to the highest bidder, for each, that portion of the PERSONAL PROPERTY of Gilbert S. Mi. ner, dee'd., embraced wthin the following schedule, viz: One Walnut Desk, one Table Desk, two Book Cases, six Office Chairs, one Office Stove, one Gold Watch, and one hundred and fifty-five volumes Congressional Docu ments of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, being a varied and valuable collec-Administrator.

dec 15-ts By John H. Parrott, Auctioneer. SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM ON THE WASHINGTON CITY ROAD, MID WAY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ALEX ANDRIA .- Under authority of a deed of trust from Alexander Boyd, dated June 15, 1868, the subscriber will sell, by public auction, on SAT-URDAY, December 10th, 1870, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., that TRAUT OF LAND, situsted in Alexandria county immediately on the north side of Four Mile Run, between the Washington and Alexandria Railroad and Turnpike and the Potomac river, containing ONE HUNDREU ACRES, more or less, being that part of the "Summer Hill" farm, which lies east of said railroad and turnpike.

Terms cash. S. FERGUSON BEACH, Trustee. nov 5—eots The above sale has been postponed until the 7th of JANUARY, 1871. By arrangement with the parties interested, it is probable a ressonable credit may be obtained for part of the purchase money.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUA-decree of the Circuit Court of Westmoreland county, entered on the 20th day of October, 1870, in the case of Terryberry against Tiffy's administrator and others, the undersigned, therein appointed commissioner for the purpose, will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on the 22d DAY OF DECEMBER, 1870, at Oak Grove. Westmoreland county, the TRACT OF LAND n the proceedings mentioned known as "BRICK HOUSE FARM,"

containing about 200 ACR he. TERMS -- Enough cash to pay the expenses of the sale and costs of the suit; the residue of the purchase money upon a credit of one, two and three years, in three equal instalments; the purchaser being required to give bonds, bearing interest from the day of sale, for the defer-red payments, and the title retained until the whole of the purchase money is paid.

This is a valuable and compact farm ; has on it small but comfortable buildings. The arable | chesp, at enclose the farm. Fer further particulars apply to

P. O. Oak Grove, Westmoreland co., Vr.

J. C. MILBURN.

Westmoreland co., nov 15-tw1m \$d2aw

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E. J. LLOYD, No. 134 Queen street. dec 5-tf

ROR RENT-A HOUSE, LOT and GARDEN, at The Plains, O., A. & M. R., known as the house built and owned by Major Thos. R. Foster The nouse and situation are both most desirable for taking summer boarders. Possession given first of January, 1871 -Rent moderate. For further information apply EDWARD CARTER, The Plains, Fauquier county.

dec 8-co2w FOR RENT-The STORE and DWEL-FOR RENT-The String and Street, west of LING, on southside of King street, west of Pitt street, No. 122, now occupied by Ready & Rotchford as a picture and looking glass store; an excellent stand for any kind of business and can comfortably accommodate a family should the tenant require it. Possession given on the

dec i3-eo3w FOR SALE—The eligibly situated three story BRICK HOUSE, 106 Duke street, between Pitt and St. Asaph, containing ten rooms and bath room, with hot and cold water. The house is furnished throughout with gas the bouse is furnished throughout with gas the street of the st and fixtures and is a most desirable residence, being located in a pleasant neighborhood. The adjoining lot is offered with the above mentioned property, or it will be sold separate if desired. For terms apply at No. 40 south St. Asaph street.

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CTATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

This is to give notice that the State and county taxes for the year 1870, due in July last, are now ready for collection. As much of the time allowed for the return of these taxes to the Au hey be paid promptly. Uspaid taxes for 1869, if not paid immediate-

5, will be collected according to law.
I. C. O'NEAL, Sheriff, dec 16-tf Office No. 12 south Royal street A DMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Having taken out letters of administration upon the estate of the late JAMES HILTON, this is

to give notice that all debtors and creditors of the deceased must settle their accounts with me. I. C. NEAL, Sheriff, Office No. 12 south Royal street. dec 16-tf THOMAS M. HALL

ALEXANDER LYLES.

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MORE OF THOSE CHEAP IMITATION received this morning, trimmed with Fringe and Plemi. Call and see them at dec 17 WITMER & SLAYMAKER'S.

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FULL LINE OF BLACK SILKS FOR

Mrs. C L. SIMPSON'S. dec 17 FOR GOOD HOME MADE FURNITURE was H. DeVAUGHAN, dec 2-3m 119 King street.

Tr. W CHOP OF BIRD SEED just arrived at 201 King street.

dec 17-1m AUGUSTUS WALL. STEP LADDERS, of various lengths, a nice article, at 88 King street. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON. dec 19

MEDICAL.

BALTIMORE LOCK HOSPITAL. DR. JOHNSTON,

Physician of this celebrated institution, has discovered the most Certain, Speedy, Pleasant and Effectual Remedy in the world for all DISEASES OF IMPRUDENCE. Weakness of the Back or Limbs, Strictures? Affection of the Kidneys or Bladder, Involuntry Discharges, Impotency, General Debility, Nervousness; Dyspepsia, Languor, Low Spirits, Confusion of Ideas, Palpitation of the Heart, Timidity, Trembing, Dimness of Sigh. or Giddiness, Disease of the Head, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of Ship, A Contagn of the Land, Throat, Nose of the Land, Thr Skin, Affections of the Liver, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels—those terrible Disorders arising from Solitary Habits of Youth—secret and sol-

itary practices mere fatal to their victims than the song of the Syrens to the Mariners or Ulysses, blighting their most brilliant hopes or anticipations, &c.

YOUNG MEN Especially, who have become the Victims of Solitary Vice, and dreadful and destructive habits which annually sweep to an untimely grave thousands of young men of the most exalted talents and brilliant intellect, who might otherwise have entranced listening Senates with the thunders of eloquence, or waked to estacy the living lyre, may call with full confi-

MARRIAGE. Married persons, or Young Men contemplating marriage, aware of Physical Weakness (Loss of Procreative Power-Impotency.) Nervous Excitability, Palpitation, Organic Weakvous Excitability, Palpitation, Organic Weak-ness, Nervous Debuity, or any other Disqualification, speedily relieved.

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J. may religiously confide in his honor as a gentleman, and confidently rely upon his skill

as a physician. ORGANIC WEAKNESS. Immediately cured and Full Vigor Restored.

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Ladies' French Kid Broadway, Ladies' Lasting Toilet, Kid Maria Antoinette, Ladies' Victoria, Ladies' Paris, Ladies' Paris, Ladies' Cassimere, Serge and Carpet Slippers in every style and quality, at WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

Member of the Royal College of Surgeo Colleges in the United States, and the greater toinette, Ladies' Cassimere, Serge and Carpet Slippers in every style and quality, has effected some of the most astomshing cures and Carpet Slippers, 74 King street. that were ever known; many troubled with ringing in the head and ears when asleep, great nervousness, being alarmed at sudden sounds, beathfunes with derangement or mind, were

cured immediately. TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE. Dr. J. addresses all those who have injured themselves by improper indulgence and solitary habits, which ruin both gody and mind, unfitting them for either busines, study, society or

marriage. These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by the early habits of youth, viz: Weaknese of the Back and Limbs, Pains in the Head, Dimness of Sight Loss of Muscular Power, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspey. sia, Nervous Irritability, Derangement of the Digestive Functions, General Debility, Symptoms of Consumption, &c.

MENTALLY —The fearful effects on the mind

are much to be dreaded. Loss of memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversion to society, belf Distrust, Love of Soutude, Timidity, &c., are some of the evils produced. Thousands of persons of all ages can now

judge what is the cause of their declining health, losing their vigor, becoming weak, pale, nervous and emaciated, having a singular appearance about the eyes, cough and symptoms of Consumption.

YOUNG MEN

Who have injured themselves by a cettain practice, already described, a habit tre quentry learned from evil companions of a school, the effects of which are nightly felt, even when asleep, and if not cured, rarders marriage impossible, and destroys both nind

and body, should apple immediately. What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the pride of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and enjoyment of life by the consequence of deviating from the path of nature, and indulging in permicious habits. Such persons must, before contemplating

MARRIAGE, Reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness, Indeed, without these the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage, the prospect hourly darkens to the view, the mind becomes shadowed with despair, and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of another is blighted with our own.

DISEASE OF IMPRUDENCE.

When the misguided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds that he has imbibed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens ditor has already expired, it is necessary that that an ill-timed sense of shame or dread of discovery deters him from applying to those who, from education and respectability, can alone betriend him, delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease make their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, dea ness, nodes on the shin bones and arms, blotches on the head. face and extremities, progressing with frightful rapidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose fall in, and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commiseration till death puts a period to his dreadful suffering, by sending him to that undiscovered country "from whence no travel-

ler returns."

It is a melancholy fact that thousands DIE victims to this terrible disease, through falling into the hands of ignorant or unskillul PRE TENDERS, who, by the use of that deadly Poison, Mercury. &c., destroy the constitution, and incapable or curing, keep the unhappy suf-ferer month after month taking their noxious or injurious compounds, and instead of being restored to a renewal or Life. Vigor and Happiness, in despair leave him with ruined Health to sigh over his galling disappointment.

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on the Continent ?" A strange expression passed over Jasper

house the hired companion who dares to re- hands. ' semble his son-"

She had on board two seamen, and two passengers. These passengers were Englishmen, who had procured passage on The Gull to Palermo. whence they intended to embark by steamer to Marseilles, the following day.

from his face. Noble, generous and kind hearted, he had an adventurous disposition and a dauntless courage. Tressilian Court, England.

He was Jasper Lowder, Guy Tressilian's bired travelling companion and bosom friend.

silian at Baden leaving him to find another travelling companion. desertion, as Guy Tressilian was sauntering through the streets of Baden, he had been they took him for another, and intended to affectionate pride in him. She was always

rushans to flight. This stranger who came so opportunely to Guy's assistance was Jasper Lowder. His resemblance to young Tressilian awakened in and for a few minutes disorder reigned. the latter a romantic interest. He questioned Lowder, learned that he was poor and alone in the world, and took him with him to his hotel. Believing that the similarity of features

em ployed. "This storm is a regular Levanter," said

Tressilian ?" "Oh, yes," answered young Tressilian, wip ing the salt spray from his face. "The Captain knows the Sicilian coast perfectly. In your mother death?" two hours, or less, we shall be in the tay of Palermo. In three hours we shall be domici - single old servant a month or more, my father ed in the best rooms of the hotel Trinacria. visiting me several times, and expressing anxiewith the best supper which Messer Ragusa can ty as to what he should do with me. A week

future, Jasper, but his sudden recall, received writing. I shall telegraph from Marseilles that you will come home with me. And you wil, will you not? You will not abandon me, my friend? I will charge myself with your future I will see that you obtain

"You wrong my father," said Tressilian, his